

To the Committee:

John Berkebile here, taxpayer and citizen of Oregon. House Bill 2020 will do NOTHING to save the planet, but WOULD bring economic harm to me, my family, friends, industry and others in the form of HIGHER prices for day to day living, including food, gasoline, electricity, etc. And yet, in your "carbon reduction" bill, it carves out an exemption for Intel and the WEALTHY in Portland, while people and industries in the rest of the state get NO such exemption. Where are the exemptions for people of more modest means? Oh wait, there ARE NONE! Shame on those who made such an exemption for Portland. If this bill was REALLY about saving the planet, it would treat ALL emissions equally, NOT make exemptions for emissions from certain politically favored constituents or the wealthy Tech industry. Instead, the taxes generated from this bill makes it sound like a GIANT slush fund in the making for Green energy cronies, politicians, etc.

The bill would likely also place a tax on emissions from the equipment at the restaurant I work at, as well as other restaurants, in which the costs would eventually be passed on to customers in the form of HIGHER PRICES for menu items. Please withdraw this bill from consideration. Thank you.

John Berkebile